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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Frank W. RATLIFF

Application No.: 10/617,693

Filed: July 14, 2003

For: HEAT PUMP SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004. A small entity fee payment of \$490.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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